

Weekly Status & Information Report: August 20 - 24, 2012

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of August 27, 2012:

- Police Employees' Retirement Plan Committee meeting, Thursday, August 30, 8:30 a.m. in the Hydrangea Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public unless noted otherwise. (City Clerk)

2. Safe Routes to School Program Nationally Recognized: The National Center Safe Routes to School recognized the City's Safe Routes to School program this week for its innovative programming. Takoma Park was selected as one of three programs for special recognition during the James L. Oberstar awards. The Oberstar Safe Routes to School Award is given annually for outstanding achievement in implementing a Safe Routes to School program in the United States. The Award Selection Committee felt that Takoma Park deserved special recognition: "The City of Takoma Park, Maryland's Safe Routes to School program has developed Safe Routes to School at five area schools by establishing an SRTS brand and school-based programming, and by promoting long-term program sustainability with funds raised through a year-long walking and running program that culminates in a city-wide 5K road race, 5K walk and youth and fun runs." (Housing and Community Development)

3. CDBG Applications Available: The City of Takoma Park's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program provides funding for a wide range of activities focused on neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and improved community facilities and services. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis to community organizations and nonprofit entities. Deadline for submissions is 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 24, 2012. Program Guidelines and FY14 Application Form are available at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/) (Housing and Community Development)

4. Homeowners/Renters Tax Credit Deadline Extended-10/31/12: The homeowners' and renters' tax credit programs are designed to help low-income homeowners and renters by limiting the amount that they must pay in property taxes. To receive the tax credit, an application and all supporting documents must be sent to the State of Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation normally no later than October 31, 2012. To obtain an application, go to <http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/taxcredits.html#htcrct> or call Linda Walker at 301.891.7222. (Housing and Community Development)

5. Upcoming Events - Film, Poetry, Art and Dance: Join us next month as we kick off the 2012-2013 season of "We are Takoma," the city's free cultural series. To see what's planned for September, check out our events page at <http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events> and look for the arts calendar in the forthcoming edition of the Takoma Park Newsletter (Housing and Community Development)

6. SHA Resurfacing Work on MD 410 (East West Highway): Maryland State Highway Administration will be doing minor upgrades to some curbs, medians, and sidewalk on East West Highway, from Riggs Road to New Hampshire Avenue. The work is part of a larger resurfacing project on this stretch of state highway. Be on the lookout for possible lane closures over the next few weeks. (Housing and Community Development)

7. Montgomery County Customer Service Center Extends Hours: The customer service center for Montgomery County has extended its hours to 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tenants wishing to report code violations in their rental units write their landlord about the problem and, if there is no response from the landlord within a week, call the center at 240-777-0311 or go to [www.MC311.com](http://www.MC311.com) to file a complaint. On the website, search using the key words, "rental housing." You will be guided to a complaint form that upon completion will be forwarded to the code enforcement division. An inspector will contact you to arrange an inspection of your unit. (Housing and Community Development)

8. Y.E.S. League New Champions!: The Takoma Park Recreation Department would like to congratulate the High School Division Champions - the Black Team, and the Young Adult Division Champions - the Gold Team, on an outstanding summer league season! (Recreation)

9. End of Summer Senior Picnic: Takoma Park seniors were invited to an End of Summer Picnic on Friday, August 24. Participants had a blast as they mingled with new and old friends. The picnic was hosted by our own Paula Lisowski with help from several volunteer teens. (Recreation)

10. Karate/Self Defense at the Recreation Center: Karate/Self Defense classes are offered at Takoma Park Recreation Center on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. . This class promotes physical fitness, self defense, leadership and cultural exchange through the practice of a traditional Okinawan karate style, Isshinryu. This is a free on-going program for ages 14&up. Come on out and enjoy the fun. For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289. (Recreation)

11. Teens are Movin' and Groovin': This past week the teens attended a trip to Kings Dominion in Doswell, Virginia as the end of Summer Wrap Up. The teens were able to face their fears as they jumped on soaring, twisting and turning roller coasters. After their hearts jumped out of their chests they were able to calm down and relax in the pool by the waterpark. Now we're ready for the fall programs to start. Stay tuned! For more information about teen programs please contact Leicia Monfort at 301- 891-7283 or [Leiciam@takomagov.org](mailto:Leiciam@takomagov.org) (Recreation)

12. Morning & Afternoon Addition Program - Welcome Back!: On Monday, August 27, the Recreation Department will be welcoming over 60 participants for its Morning & Afternoon Addition Program. Staff is eager to meet and greet all of the new faces

and excited to see the returning participants. Staff members and parents got the opportunity to meet and discuss some of the goals for the 2012-2013 school year at the annual parent orientation on Thursday, August 23. Parents, please remember that all participant forms must be turned in before your child can begin the program. The Recreation Department would like to wish everyone a fun, safe and smooth transition back to school. For questions and/or concerns, please contact Dana Jackson or Lew McAllister at 301-891-7290. (Recreation)

13. The Book Buzz: Check out the Library's the latest additions to "Book Buzz", our young adult web log – currently maintained by our intern Cecilia Hayford. Cecilia is a graduate student at the University of Maryland School of Library and Information Science. Her recent postings to the site include articles on food in young adult literature, literary tattoos, trailers for "Ship Breaker" by Paulo Bacigalupi and "The Fault in our Stars" by John Green, and a pug singing along to the original "Batman" theme! For these and other postings by Cecilia, go to [www.takomapark.info/library/](http://www.takomapark.info/library/) and choose "teen buzz." (Library)

14. Chief Tracy in a Meeting: On August 21, Interim Chief Drew Tracy was interviewed by the Gazette newspaper about his Bike Challenge and police officers biking in the City of Takoma Park. (Police)

15. Officers in Training:

- On August 21-22, civilian and sworn employees of the Police Department attended CPR training in Takoma Park, Maryland.
- On August 23, Interim Chief Drew Tracy and various sworn employees of the Police Department attended training entitled "Characteristics of an Armed Gunman" at the Community College of Baltimore County-Catonsville Campus, Baltimore, Maryland. (Police)

16. Community Outreach Officer (Pfc. Carla Magnaye):

- On August 20, Community Outreach Officer Carla Magnaye conducted morning business checks on Carroll Avenue and Laurel Avenue. She conducted a security survey on Birch Avenue. She followed up with Don Bosco High School Administration in reference to topics that were discussed in prior meetings. She also conducted foot patrol on University Blvd.
- On August 21, Officer Magnaye attended training entitled "Cultural Competency – Police Officers' Response to the Youth Community."
- On August 22, Officer Magnaye attended a METERS access training course.
- On August 23, Officer Magnaye conducted morning business checks on Flower Avenue and New Hampshire Avenue. In addition to the business checks, she attended CPR training, created Crime Alert (theft from auto) flyers at the request of the Criminal Investigations Division and conducted a security survey on Jackson Avenue. (Police)

17. Junior Police: A link to the successful Junior Police Academy held this summer can be seen at the following link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iux-7PnRWpE&list=UUxj3PenkmG7iqorcBmHuH8Q&index=2&feature=plcp>. (Police)

18. Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (August 17-23, 2012) may be viewed online at [http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/08/takoma-park-police-department-weekly\\_23.html](http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/08/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_23.html). (Police)

19. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 74 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, three vehicle impounds and three Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrests from traffic.

During August 10-23, 2012, the following details were completed:

August 10, 2012

- East West Highway & New Hampshire Avenue (red light enforcement) – conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

August 11, 2012

- New Hampshire Avenue & Holton Lane (no left turn/no u-turn enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

August 15, 2012

- Merrimac Drive & Lockney Drive (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and one Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO).

August 16, 2012

- East West Highway & New Hampshire Avenue (red light enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

August 17, 2012

- 7500 Maple Avenue (one way street enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

August 18, 2012

- New Hampshire Avenue & Glenside Drive (red light enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued four State citations and one warning.
- Maple Avenue & Tulip Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations.

August 19, 2012

- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two warnings.

August 22, 2012

- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations.

Conducted details at various locations throughout the City throughout the shift with the tag reader and issued no citations or warnings.

August 23, 2012

- Conducted details at various locations throughout the City throughout the shift with the tag reader and issued no citations or warnings. (Police)

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20. Traffic Officer Stats (Pfc. Walter Smith):

Week ending 8/23/12

State citations: 7

Calls for service: 11

Reports: 3

Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO): 1

Warnings issued: 7

Court time: 4 hours

(Police)